

JAMAICA



# The Jamaican National Flag

*Jamaica's flag came into use on Independence day, August 6, 1962.*

*The Flag has a diagonal cross with four triangles in juxtaposition. The symbolism of the Flag is, "Hardships there are but the land is green and the sun shineth," with black symbolising the hardships overcome and to be faced; gold, the natural wealth and beauty of sunlight; and green, hope and agricultural resources.*

*The Flag is the sacred emblem of the Nation, and therefore all citizens of Jamaica should pay due reverence and devotion to it, whether it be flown on public buildings, schools, government property or for private use. There is a specific code regulating the use of the Flag, and copies of this code are available from the Public Libraries.*